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TWO ARRESTED FOR COCAINE TRAFFICKING

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Kennet Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced the arrests by criminal complaint on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, of Ruben Puello-Savinon, DOB 9/28/64, José Luis Gómez, DOB 6/9/78, and Charlie Manuel Rodríguez, DOB 8/1/55, from Salem, MA and Metheun, MA, for attempting to possess with intent to distribute, five or more kilograms of cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a) and 846. Approximately \$50,000 in cash was seized at the time of the arrests.

All three defendants were detained by Magistrate Judge James R. Muirhead following their Initial Appearance in U. S. District Court in Concord, New Hampshire.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation - New England Division, assisted by the Manchester and Salem, NH Police Departments. Assistant U. S. Attorney Aixia Maldonado-Quñones is handling this case.

A complaint is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, each defendant is presume innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.